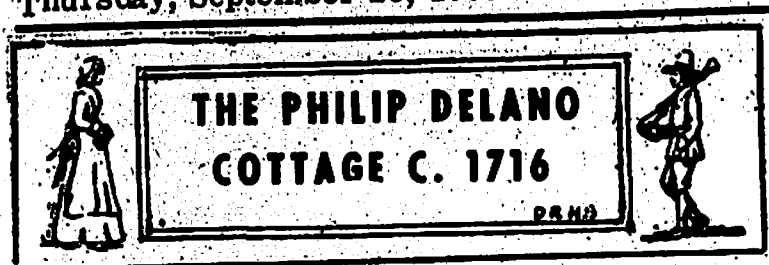


Historical houses - NAMED, A-L

(Bow St.)

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Philip Delano arrived in Plymouth in the Fortune in 1621, and came to Duxbury around 1632. His 40-acre grant was recorded in 1637, a homestead farm north of the John Alden farm. Shortly thereafter, he got another grant - 30 acres above Hound's Ditch, extending well up to Duck Hill River. This second grant he left to his son, Philip, Jr., who may have been already living in it. At any rate, it has come down through nine generations in a direct line to the present owner, Mrs. Clayton Dearborn (Shirley Delano). Little by little the acreage has dwindled as bits were inherited or sold, but the Bow St. acre has never been sold, an enviable record of ownership.

The first to own the land was Philip, Sr., then Philip, Jr., another Philip, and a Judah, but as to the house being on the land or this particular house being the one mentioned in wills as "and buildings thereon," there is no deed to describe or locate it. It must be identified and the builder arrived at by another way, a reverse process, but accurate enough to defy skeptics.

It is known that Judah Delano was living in this house when he inherited it, and family knowledge accepts it as fact that his father lived there before him. That puts the house back to the time of Philip and Elizabeth, who were married in 1716. The house is small and unpretentious, has had a minimum of change, and retains architectural support for an early date, so while there is a case for a 17th century date, we will stay with the year 1716 when the third generation Philip brought his bride to the Bow St. Cottage.

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